

ACTUAL WORK IS BEGUN ON ELECTRIC RAILWAY

President of Company States That Line Will Be in Operation by December 1.

CITY FRANCHISE NOT DECIDED

Road Will Be Built to Corporation Line, Whether or Not It Is Given Franchise Over Streets—Negro Is Shot and Robbed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., July 29.—President J. W. Long, of the Petersburg and James River Corporation, one of the bidders for the city franchise for an electric railway to be built from City Point to Petersburg, makes the positive statement that the line will be constructed and in operation by December 1. A good deal of grading has been done and material for track construction distributed and rails ordered. At the meeting of the Council on July 13, two bids were made for a city franchise for an electric road connecting City Point and Petersburg—\$100 by the Petersburg and James River Corporation, and \$25 by the Petersburg and Appomattox Railway Company. These bids were referred to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation to be made to the Council next Tuesday. It is probable that the franchise will be awarded. The Petersburg and James River Corporation is ready to furnish a bond of \$5,000 to build the road in the time specified by the Council, and will build the road to the city limits, whether or not it gets the present franchise.

Shot and Robbed.
John T. Ligon, a colored citizen of Crewe, while passing on River Street, near Goat Alley, last night to the station to take the train home, was shot and robbed by parties supposed to be negroes. Ligon works at the Du Pont plant, and was summoned home by a telegram announcing the illness of his wife. While in Petersburg he made some purchases for his family, and had them in a large grip carrying them to the train. At the mouth of Goat Alley he heard the command to halt and threw up his hands. Not heeding it, he was shot at twice, one ball missing the other striking him in the shoulder and felling him. Before he could get up the robbers secured his grip and ran away with it. The grip was subsequently found concealed behind a wagon in Goat Alley. Ligon was taken to the hospital, and the police are seeking for the robbers with but a faint clue to guide them.

Another Fugitive Captured.
While on the trail of robbers last night Detective Heelan and Police Officer Evans picked up John Christian, an escaped negro convict from North Carolina. He was under sentence for larceny and escaped from the State road force. It was only yesterday that another negro, Aaron Stackhouse, an escaped murderer from North Carolina, was taken back to that State.

News Notes of Interest.
Thomas Hannahan, a well-known young citizen, was stricken with appendicitis last evening and was taken to the Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond to be operated on.

James A. Pettus, colored, of Mecklenburg County, while engaged yesterday in cleaning out boilers at the Du Pont works, fell into the hot ashes and fatally burned. The body will be sent to his home.

The funeral of William H. Gentry took place this morning from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Haler, who also conducted the funeral services from the same church this afternoon of the late Robert Hennessy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Farrell have returned from their bridal trip which extended to the exposition at San Francisco.

Yesterday afternoon at the residence of the Rev. Dr. H. F. Linscomb, on Market Street, Miss Effie Williamson and L. Wells, both of Dinwiddie, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lee Crutchfield, pastor of the Dinwiddie Church.

Physician Shoots Himself.
BRISTOL, VA., July 29.—Dr. George R. Duncan, prominent as a physician and citizen in Washington County, committed suicide at his home at Fall Branch. News from there to-night is that he shot himself through the heart, using a shotgun. He was seventy-five years old. For several months his health had been failing. He is survived by a family of grown sons and daughters.

RECORD SHOOTING PRACTICE ON STATE RIFLE RANGE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., July 29.—Record shooting practice on all ranges at both rapid and slow firing, was the routine carried out by the Second Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, at the State camp of instruction to-day. A number of the militiamen completed the course, and as soon as their scores are checked up by commanding officers they will receive their ranking as experts, sharpshooters and marksmen.

An elderly white man, partly intoxicated, journeyed to the range during the afternoon firing hours and insisted on passing back and forth across the firing line, regardless of whizzing bullets. He was warned of his dangerous plight, and replied that he was not afraid of the whole German army, much less the State militia. He was finally put under arrest and kept in the brig until the day's firing was finished. A heavy rain and thunderstorm broke over the range to-night, and for two hours the downpour was terrific. When the rain stopped the range was under several inches of water, but there was no damage to camp equipment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS ARE HOLDING INSTITUTE

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 29.—The Institute for Sunday School Workers, a branch of the Sunday School Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its first session to-day, the opening address being delivered by Dr. Frank M. Thomas, of Louisville, who discussed "Paul, the Apostle of Energy." Dr. W. P. Hamill, of the Baltimore Conference, spoke on "The Sunday School Opportunity and How to Meet It."

John Is Such an Impulsive Correspondent



"DOPE" SENT TO SOUTH THROUGH PARCEL POST

Package Containing Morphine, Cocaine and Other Drugs, for Richmond and Other Cities, Mailed at Philadelphia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 29.—Discovery of the method by which large quantities of "dope" are being shipped into Richmond and other Southern cities, was made to-day, when the police confiscated a package containing seven and one-half pounds of morphine, cocaine and heroin, which had been registered at the parcel post window in the central post-office building. A little later police arrested Joseph Hart, alias Joseph Ezitch, of Darian Street, on the charge of having registered the package.

In the man's possession the police found letters from a woman in Baltimore. The police say that these letters show that Hart has shipped large quantities of drugs to that woman, who is alleged to be a distributing agent for the South.

Internal Revenue Agents Glover and Wing left for the South to-night to place this woman under arrest. Suspicions of clerks in the parcel post department were aroused when Hart appeared with the package. Immediately after the man had registered the package one of the clerks notified the police

IN CONFERENCE AT BERLIN

German Chancellor and Ambassador Gerard Discuss Problems.

BERLIN, July 29 (via London).—Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, who returned to the capital yesterday from a visit to the army headquarters in the field, where he talked with Emperor William, sent for James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, to-day. The conference lasted an hour and a quarter. The problems of the relations between Germany and the United States were generally and exhaustively discussed, but, as far as can be ascertained, the conference is not likely to lead to tangible results nor to any formal change in Germany's submarine campaign.

Rhodes Fined for Speeding.
W. M. Rhodes, charged with speeding, was convicted in the Hustings Court yesterday, and was fined \$25 and costs. The case was tried on appeal from the Police Court, where the usual \$100 fine had been imposed.

GERMANY MAINTAINED PEACEFUL ATTITUDE

Reports Dating From 1905, Dealing With European Politics, Published in Berlin.

FIRST OF SERIES IS PRINTED

Purports to Be Secret Belgian Diplomatic Letters Found in Brussels. British Hostility Due to Jealousy at Growth of Kaiser's Kingdom.

BERLIN, July 29 (via London).—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung began the publication to-day of a series of documents purporting to be secret Belgian diplomatic reports found in Brussels by the Germans, and describing international political events from the time of the Moroccan crisis until the beginning of the present conflict. The purpose of their publication is to prove that Germany maintained a peaceful attitude throughout this period.

The papers published to-day include alleged reports made to Baron de Favereau, former Belgian Foreign Minister, by Count de La Laigne, former Belgian minister to England; Baron Greindl, minister to Berlin; Baron Leghait, at Paris, and Count Dursel, charge d'affaires, at Berlin.

These reports date from 1905, and deal with European politics, especially the attitude of the triple entente towards Germany.

Count La Laigne and Baron Greindl are quoted as having reported in February, 1905, that British hostility to Germany was caused by jealousy at the latter nation's commercial and naval growth. La Laigne is said to have asserted that the British feared the days of their naval supremacy were numbered.

A statement attributed to Baron Leghait, writing under date of May 7, 1905, was that while King Edward was in Paris he said the confidence existing between Germany and France had disappeared, and conditions were like those twenty years earlier.

Baron Greindl is said to have been the author of a letter written September 23, 1905, praising the Dreikaiser, led by Germany, for having maintained European peace for thirty years, and declaring the new disposition of the British fleet was unquestionably directed against Germany. The same minister is quoted as having asserted in a later letter that King Edward was hostile to Germany, and that Germany's isolation was the aim of British policy.

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